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DEADMAN'S DOZEN

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2017 The Story 'Col Fondo' Prosecco

King Valley vic

Prosecco is oh-so-hot-right-now took the opportunity to showcase one of our favourite Australian examples. The Col Fondo technique blurs the lines between the Prosecco and Pét-Nat styles this is crisp and light with lemon curd on the palate and a gentle creaminess. Drink with raw seafood and remember the sunshine.

2018 Glaetzer Dixon 'Überblanc'

Southern TAS

Nick Glaetzer fell in love with Riesling while working for renowned producers in the Mosel and Pfalz regions of Germany. Upon returning to Australia, he moved to Tasmania in search of cool climate vineyard sites. Überblanc is dry, floral and racy, with green apple and fresh citrus.

2018 Jim Barry Assyrtiko

Clare Valley SA

Peter Barry made history by being the first winery in Australia to plant and produce Assyrtiko, a Greek grape native to Santorini. He felt that the wine was perfect for modern Australian cuisine due to its vibrant acidity and driven, flinty minerality. This wine has lifted lemon blossom florals with pronounced pear and lime, and a chalky finish.

2017 Casa da Passarella 'A Descoberta' Encruzado blend

Dão POR

The Passarella winery is situated on the Serra de Estrela [mountain to the stars], a high mountain pass on the border between Portugal and Spain. The winery values freshness and sensitive handling of the fruit to create an approachable wine. This white blend has a salty minerality that is complimented by white peach, custard apple and wild herbs.

2018 Yetti and the Kokonut 'Mt Savagnin' Savagnin

McLaren Vale SA

Savagnin is an ancient variety, best known for the sherry-like yet unfortified Vins Jaunes of the Jura region in eastern France. Mt Savagnin is fresh and textural with ripe yellow stone fruit and a hint of fresh fennel, perhaps a small doff of the cap to its French cousins.

2017 Luke Lambert 'Crudo' Syrah/Nebbiolo Rosé

Yarra Valley vic

Luke Lambert's 'Crudo' wines are always fun, dynamic and a little bit raw. With this rosé Luke has fermented the wine in large old French oak and bottled without any filtration. Copper in colour, it is dry with blood orange, a hint of fresh ginger and a lingering impression of Campari.

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2013 Limbic Wines Pinot Noir

Gippsland vic

Ex-neurosurgeon and winemaker Michael Pullar named his wine label Limbic after a network of neural pathways in the brain that link together emotion with the senses of taste and smell. We think this wine is quite a treat! There's happy oak, generous raspberries, moody Morello cherry and some comfortably middle-aged forest floor notes from time ageing in bottle.

2016 Enrique Mendoza 'La Tremenda' Monastrell

Alicante ESP

Monastrell [aka Mourvèdre or Mataro] is native to the southeast of Spain. Often seen as a workhorse grape there has been a significant resurgence of late as a quality variety. This example from Enrique Mendoza is vibrant and pure. Aromatics of lifted blue and black fruits, the palate has savoury notes of bay leaf and liquorice.

2017 Terrason Gamay

King Valley vic

We've been a bit Gamay-crazy of late - and with good reason. More and more we are seeing complex, diverse expressions in Australia and the Terrason is no exception. Restrained and medium bodied, with a wonderfully dark and earthy framework to support the bright fruit. An exciting wine from winemaker Marc Lunt, whose CV includes some impressive Burgundian domaines.

2017 Three Dark Horses Touriga Nacional

Langhorne Creek SA

Originally planted in Australia for fortified wine production, the Portuguese grape Touriga Nacional is now seeing a new life as a table wine. This example from Three Dark Horses is from a 60 year old vineyard and shows the ripe plum, spice and incense-like perfume so characteristic of the variety. A wine to take you through the cooler months.

2015 Bill Downie Petit Verdot

Riverland SA

It is rare to see Petit Verdot as a stand-alone wine however Bill Downie has never been one to be hampered by convention. Biodynamically grown in SA's Riverland and made without sulphur, Petit Verdot is a variety that benefits from the region's ample sunshine. You will see a medium-bodied wine with violets, blackberry, spice, charcuterie and lasting tannins on the finish.

NV Pfeiffer Classic Tawny

Rutherglen vic

Rutherglen is an historic wine producing region best known for making outstanding fortified wines. The Pfeiffer family have taken classic Port grapes [Touriga Nacional, Tinta Francisca, Tinta Barocca to name a few] and added a little Shiraz to make a youthful and lighter style Tawny. An incredible wine, that starts out sweet and powerful and finishes savoury and dry - think bittersweet chocolate with orange and walnuts.